

Tidbits for Victim/Witness Coordinators and Advocates

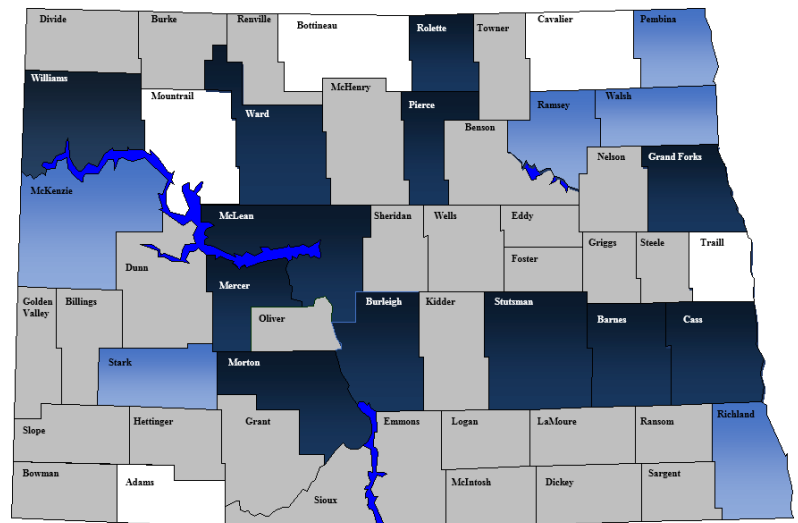
ND SAVIN VINE Incarceration Victim Notification Service

Usage

Thanks to victim service providers, advocates, and custodial facility staff for your excellent use of the VINE System for:

- Burleigh County
- Barnes County
- Cass County
- DOCR
- Grand Forks County
- McLean County
- Mercer County
- Morton County
- Pembina County
- Pierce County
- Ramsey County
- Ward County
- Williams County

thank you!



■ High Percentage ■ Good Percentage □ Low Usage ■ Not Applicable

CJIS Portal

Many victim service providers are eligible for CJIS Portal access. The criteria and application process are addressed in [February's Victim Witness Coordinator Tidbits](#).

Even if you do not have CJIS Portal access, the CJIS Portal may benefit you. Law enforcement in your area may use the "Update Protection Order" function to enter service dates for protection orders. The entry of a service date will trigger a notification for victims registered with ND SAVIN's VINE Protection and Restraining Order Victim Notification Service. If law enforcement officers have access to the Portal in their cars and to the Protection Order Update feature, they can even enter this data directly after service from their cars. In July's [Law Enforcement Tidbits](#), we provided the quick and easy steps.



If you have any questions about the "Update Protection Order" function or other aspects of the CJIS Portal, please contact Tammy Schatz at 701-328-1105 or by email at tschatz@nd.gov.

STARS

STARS is CJIS's States Attorney's Case Management system, powered by JustWare. Many of your agencies utilize this system in your offices. Those Victim Witness Agencies that use the JustWare program and are reporting various statistics for VOCA grant purposes may soon have a new report that will make this process much easier.

STARS Continued

Below an example of a report that was recently created for Cass County.

StartDate	3/1/2014	EndDate	11/4/2014
<div> <div>1 of 1</div> <div>100%</div> <div>Find Next</div> </div>			
Case Count by Attribute 3/1/2014 ~ 11/4/2014 Cass County States Attorney			
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VW: Adult Sexual Assault		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			13
VW: Adult Sexual AssaultSub Total:			13
VW: Assault		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			118
VW: AssaultSub Total:			118
VW: Child Physical Abuse		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			16
VW: Child Physical AbuseSub Total:			16
VW: Child Sexual Abuse		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			19
VW: Child Sexual AbuseSub Total:			19
VW: Domestic Violence		Case Count	
Drug Offenses			1
Personal Crimes			510
VW: Domestic ViolenceSub Total:			511
VW: DUI/DWI Crashes		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			2
VW: DUI/DWI CrashesSub Total:			2
VW: Elder Abuse		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			1
VW: Elder AbuseSub Total:			1
VW: Other		Case Count	
Criminal			1
Drug Offenses			1
Personal Crimes			144
VW: OtherSub Total:			146
VW: Robbery		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			15
VW: RobberySub Total:			15
VW: Survivors of Homicide Victims		Case Count	
Personal Crimes			8
VW: Survivors of Homicide VictimsSub Total:			8

JustWare is able create a report that shows the volume of each type of crime. Future enhancements to this report in the near future include:

- For each category of crime, the report will have an expansion icon to show each case reported within crime categories
- Each case will have a hyper link allowing quick access to each case
- Each case listed on the report will show all Victims within that case
- Each victim listed the report will show– Age, Gender and Race
- Each victim listed the report will also show the types of services provided by the Victim Witness Coordinator, such as follow-up, information/referral, and assistance in filing compensation claims.

If you are interested or have questions about these new reports or would like to receive additional information about JustWare and the STARS program, please contact Brian Nybakken, STARS Program Manager, by phone at 701-328-1107 or by email at bdnybakken@nd.gov.

ND SAVIN Protection and Restraining Order Petitioner Notification Service

It is great to see that the Protection and Restraining Order Petitioner Notification Service continues to be utilized. We did see a slight decrease in the summer, due to staff turnover in various agencies, but, with continued training, the usage is going back up. The registration rate for the last six months are: May 43%, June 37%, July 27%, August 29%, **September 50%**, October 37% and November 46%.

Special thanks to:

- Abused Adult Resource Center: Bismarck
- Abused Persons Outreach Center: Valley City
- Community Violence Intervention Center: Grand Forks*
- Domestic Violence and Abuse Center: Grafton*
- Domestic Violence Crisis Center: Minot
- Three Rivers Crisis Center: Wahpeton
- Women's Action Resource Center: Beulah



* Indicates the programs that registered every protection order for notification during the past month.

Feedback, Training, and Program Awareness Assistance

Assistance with the ND SAVIN VINE Protection/Restraining Order Notification Service is available for you through ND SAVIN's partnership with CAWS. If you have feedback on the service or would like training or program awareness assistance/materials, please contact Courtney Monroe at 701-255-6240 ext. 105 or cmmonroe@cawsnorthdakota.org.



Recent and Upcoming SAVIN Enhancements

- **Photos:** NDSAVIN continues to work on interfacing with county jails' jail management systems to send booking photos to VINE, and the CJIS Portal. By making offender's recent booking photo available for victims and law enforcement, we are helping to increase victim and officer safety. Cass and Mercer County have recently started to provide offender photos. We are currently working with Ward County on an offender photo interface.
- **Victim Data Pull:** Mercer, McLean, HACTC, McKenzie and Adams County have all recently upgraded to provide the victim data pull enhancement, which enables VINE to automatically register victims who are entered into the jail management system for incarceration notifications on their offenders. The next facilities scheduled to receive this enhancement are SWMCCC and Ward County.

If you have questions or feedback on how we can continue to improve our service or would like more information or training, please contact Heidi Smith at 701-328-1106 or hsmith@nd.gov.

Agency Updates

If you have not had the chance, please take the time to check out these newly designed websites from our victim service partners!

CAWS ND updated website- <http://www.ndcaws.org/>

North Dakota Victim Assistance Association (NDVAA) updated website- <http://www.ndcrimevictims.org/>

ND SAVIN VINE Criminal Case Victim Notification Service

The North Dakota Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Program (ND SAVIN) has been working diligently to implement the SAVIN Service Specification Package (SSP) for our court notifications. The SSP is a national information sharing standard that focuses on data integrity; eliminates inconsistencies in data definitions, terms, formatting, events, etc.; documents and maps the business and technical requirements associated with SAVIN; and provides a set of design specifications and artifacts for any providers/agencies to follow. (<http://savin-hd.custhelp>)

The expected impact of the application of the SSP includes a dramatic increase in the quality, accuracy and timeliness of court notifications for victims, witnesses and concerned citizens. Some specific enhancements you can expect to see are:



- More specific hearing notifications and criminal charge notifications to reduce ambiguity and confusion
- Combine daily notifications specific to events happening more than 36 hours from the time of the change to catch changes or data entry errors with cases and prevent erroneous notifications from going out (notifications within 36 hours will be sent in real time)
- Multi-day event hearings sent in one notification, providing the day the hearing start date, which will prevent multiple notifications for schedule/cancel/rescheduled day of the hearing
- One notification for multiple charge dispositions in one case, which will prevent single charge disposition notifications
- Data quality alerts sent to the ND SAVIN Program Manager when information from the court is not received correctly or rejected by VINE, which will increase quality assurance and decrease instances of missed notifications or inaccurate data being provided in notifications to the victim

In addition, the benefits of this project will extend well beyond the SAVIN Program to other criminal justice agencies and partners needing court data. The expected completion of this project is December 2014.

Thank you for your assistance and patience as we work to attain a better product. We are excited for the improvements that will be coming to the ND SAVIN Court module and encourage any feedback or questions you may have. Please contact Heidi Smith at 701-328-1106 or hsmith@nd.gov regarding any SAVIN related question, concerns or feedback!

Partnerships

In the coming months, there will be a lot of opportunities to raise awareness for victim services and victims' rights, including Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) in April. If your agency is looking for a partner to co-sponsor events, assist in creating promotional materials, or receive swag for your upcoming event, please contact Heidi Smith at 701-328-1106 or by email at hsmith@nd.gov as soon as possible. Some past projects on which SAVIN has collaborated with partner agencies include press releases and Facebook advertisements promoting victim rights. It is not too early to start planning. ND SAVIN would love to assist any way we can.

ND SAVIN is on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/NDSAVIN

Upcoming Events, Important Dates and Trainings

Statewide

Dec. 4-5: Legal Issues Training, located in Bismarck ND. For more information contact Dana Mees at 701-255-6240, ext. 40.

Jan. 31, 2015: VOCA Performance Reports for the period of July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 are due to access the performance reports, visit: www.nd.gov/docr/programs/victims/vocagrant.html

National

- **January** is National Stalking and Awareness Month; for more information, visit stalkingawarenessmonth.org/about
- **February** is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month; for more information, visit www.teendvmonth.org
- **April** is National Sexual Assault Awareness month; for more information, visit www.nsvrc.org
- **March 23-27** is National Youth Violence Prevention Week; for more information, visit nationalsave.org/event/national-youth-violence-prevention-week
- **April 19-25** is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; for more information, visit ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/events.html
- **May 3-9** is National Correctional Officers' Week; for more information, visit www.ncjrs.gov/correctional_officers_week
- **May 10-16** is National Police Week; for more information, visit policeweek.org

Have an upcoming event or training? Let us know and we can post it in our next Tidbits and on the SAVIN Facebook page.



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